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SUBJ: US INTEREST IN LNG FACILITY IN KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 3248 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL ASKED WHETHER US GROUP CONSISTING OF KIDDER PEABODY (KP), TRANSCO AND ARTHUR D. LITTLE STILL INTERESTED IN \$1 BILLION KUWAIT OIL AND GAS PROJECT WHICH THEY DISCUSSED WITH AMB STOLTZFUS IN JUNE (KUWAIT 2052).

2. MATTHEW STECKEL, KP BEIRUT VICE PRES, SAYS HE HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GROUP RECENTLY BUT HE CERTAIN IT STILL INTERESTED. HE WILL RECHECK AND UPDATE US WITHIN FEW WEEKS. HE SAID PROJECT DETAILS BEING STUDIED IN TEXAS; AT LAST WORD NO MOVEMENT WAS EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER RAMADAN. KP NOT RPT NOT WORKING WITH ANY OTHER GROUP ON SIMILAR PROJECT, STECKEL SAID, BUT HE AWARE OF CONSIDERABLE COMPETITION FOR MIDDLE EAST GAS. CONTINUED STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY IS THEREFORE IN ORDER.

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3. STECKEL SAID GROUP HAS SIMILAR PROPOSALS PENDING WITH ABU DHABI, IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA IN ADDITION KUWAI. US GAS MARKET OUTLOOK SUCH THAT GROUP WOULD IMPLEMENT ALL FOUR PROJECTS IF HOST COUNTRIES AGREEABLE, HE OPINED.
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